

**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: BALANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

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